(iv) The Mathura Refinery is continuously monitoring the ambient air quality at Mathura and its adjacent areas since the inception of the refinery.

(v) Two coal based thermal power plants in Agra had been closed down on 31st May, 1981.

(vi) Agra Railway Station Yard has been dieselised.

(vii) A net work of ambient air quality monitoring stations has been set up and operated in Agra by the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board.

(viii) Emission standards have been prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Act 1986.

(ix) Ambient air quality standards have been evolved.

(x) Industries have been asked to comply with the consent requirements of the state pollution control boards to keep the emissions within the stipulated limits.

(xi) Legal action is taken against the defaulting units.

(xii) Gross and mass emission standards for all vehicles have been notified under Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

(xiii) Public awareness campaigns have been launched.

भूदियाली वेटलैंड की हरियाली की तबाही

2093. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :
श्री दिग्विजय सिंह :

क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 13 जून, 1992 के "जनसत्ता" में छपे समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है जिसमें यह बताया गया है कि कलकत्ता पत्तन न्यास, भूदियाली, वेटलैंड की हरियाली को तबाह करने की साजिश रच रहा है और यह कि इस कलकत्ता पत्तन न्यास के अध्यक्ष कार्य रूप दे रहे हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि इस साजिश के कामयाब हो जाने पर अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों के 300 से अधिक परिवार सड़कों पर आकर भीख मांगने के लिए मजबूर हो जायेंगे ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार इसकी रोकथाम करने और इस संबंध में अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों के परिवारों की रक्षा करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) और (ख) जी हां, कलकत्ता पत्तन न्यास द्वारा हरियाली खत्म करने संबंधी कोई कार्रवाई नहीं की जा रही है । तथापि, कलकत्ता पत्तन न्यास द्वारा उक्त क्षेत्र को अतिक्रमण से बचाने के लिए कारवाई की जा रही है ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Noise pollution in major cities

2094. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been abnormal rise in the noise pollution in major cities ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to check the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) According to a survey conducted by the Central Pollution Control Board, noise levels in some areas of major cities were found to be above the prescribed standards.

(b) The steps taken by the Government to check noise polution include the following :—

(1) Ambient air quality standards in respect of noise for different categories of areas have been notified. Noise limits have also been presctibed for automobiles, domestic appilances and construction equipment to be adopted at the manufcaturing stage. Noise limits automobiles have to be met by December 1992, while those for appliances and equipment are to be met by December, 1993.

(2) Codes of practice for controling noise from sources other than industries and automobiles have been evolved by the Central Pollution Control Board and the various state Governments have been requested to implement the same.

(3) Declaration of silence zones and restrictions on blowing horns in these zones.

(4) Regulated movement of heavy vehicles, and

(5) Segregating industries from residential areas.

News item captioned rakh ke dher par ugegi hariyali

2095. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAOPATIL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the 'Janasatta, Delhi, dated 2nd July, 1992 under the caption "Rakh ke dher par ugegi hariyali" ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Experiment trials for afforestation on flyash dumpyards near Panki Thermal Power Plant, Kanpur conducted between 1989 and 1991 indicate that with suitable treatment, flyash can be used for tree plantation of certaih species like Subabool, Deshi Babool, Kala Siris, Shisham, Vilayti Babool and Kanji. The findings utitilisation of flyash for tree plantation have been communicated to aconcerned agencies.

News item captioned "Nagpur Vishwavidyalaya ne M.D. ke fel kshatron ko pas kiya

2096. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the 'Janasatta' (Delhi) dated 2nd July, 1992 under the caption "Nagpur Vishwavidyalaya Ne M.D. Ke Fel Kshatron Ko Pas Kiya" ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

"दवा की शीशी में कीड़ा निकला" शीर्षक से छपा समाचार

2097. **श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल**
श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल :

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दवा की एक शीशी में कीड़ा पाया गया है जैसा